

DIFFERENCE OF A COMMA.

When the Sentence Was Written the Inspector Concluded That Something Was Wrong.

Recently a school inspector arrived at a small town in Germany and requested the mayor to accompany him on a tour of inspection round the schools, relates London Spare Moments.

The mayor, as he put on his hat, muttered to himself: "I should like to know why that ass has some so soon again," a remark which the inspector overheard, but affected to ignore.

Arrived at the first school, he began to examine the pupils in punctuation, but was told by the mayor: "We don't trouble about commas and such like."

The inspector merely told one of the boys to write on the blackboard:

"The mayor of Ritzelbittel says the inspector is an ass."

"Now," he added, "put a comma after 'Ritzelbittel' and another after 'inspector.'"

The boy did so.

The mayor is believed to have changed his opinion as to the value of commas.

Frisco System—New Observation Cafe Cars.

In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco System operates on its trains out of Saint Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals. Electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave Saint Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

Why He Is Called a Martyr.

Teacher—Jamie, can you tell me why Lincoln is called the martyred president?
Jamie—"Cause he has to stand for all the Lincoln stories."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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Unbecoming forwardness often proceeds from ignorance than impudence.—Guville.

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Do not believe Pilo's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.—Longfellow.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do—use June Tint Butter Color.

Liberalism consists rather in giving seasonably than much.—Cicero.

WONDERFUL WORK.

Case No. 18,977.—David M. Bye, P. O. Address Box 297, Midland, Mich., says: "Three months I was almost incapacitated from labor; could not sleep at night; had to walk the floor, owing to terrible pain in the hips, in the small of the back, in my instep and ankle of the right leg."

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ENGLISH THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

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ROF. ANDRE, of the Lyons university, is reputed to be gaining ground with his movement for making Latin the universal language of the future. It would seem that the learned professor has everywhere met with cordial support, and that he hopes "at least to make the present generation pause before it allows Latin to drop out of the curriculum of education." His strongest argument in favor of his theory is the fact that Latin still survives as a spoken language in the Roman Catholic church, and is their medium of intercourse between persons of different tongues. Prof. Andre is not hopeful of inducing the world to accept the Latin of Virgil or Tacitus, and will be content if he lives to see the "dog" Latin of the medieval schools become a common medium of communication between people of different races.

Prof. Andre will tell us it is like our ignorance and impertinence to suggest that the English language is by way of becoming the common tongue of the human race. But we make the suggestion in all seriousness. Many things have tended to this result; but the two principal factors are the universal activities of the Anglo-Saxon race and its mulish incapacity to adopt the languages of the races with whom it intermingles. For generations the Anglo-Saxons have carried on their vast commercial enterprises in their own language, and those who trade with them have been forced to learn that language, or at least to understand it in a kind of way. IN EVERY CONSIDERABLE TOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THERE WILL BE FOUND MANY NATIVES WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, THOUGH IT BE THE VARIETY KNOWN AS "PIGEON."

In Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden and other continental countries the English tongue is so common among the people that it is almost superfluous for an Anglo-Saxon traveling there to know the language of the country. The dock laborers in Antwerp, the car conductors in Brussels and almost every boy and girl in Norway and Sweden know something of English. At such cosmopolitan centers of pleasure as Ostend, Trouville, Nice, Monte Carlo, one is constantly hearing groups of foreigners using English as the one tongue they know in common, and only the other day we saw a number of young Swedish naval officers being waited upon in a hotel in Havre by French waiters who had to speak to them in such English as they could muster. More recently we overheard in a New York restaurant a Chinaman and a Frenchman chatting successfully in "pigeon" English, and we have in our possession letters from children in Italy, Persia and Japan written in English which would be a credit to any Anglo-Saxon schoolboy.

In a universal language the desideratum is neither grace nor eloquence, but practicability; and assuredly the English tongue possesses this quality. The likelihood is that in the slow evolution of mankind's instruments a form of "pigeon" English, or "dog" English if you will, may become the one vehicle of intercourse between the common people of all lands. Imagine the state of mind which could conceive the teaching of Latin to John Chinaman at Hong Kong, or the dark-skinned son of Ham in Africa, or even to the average Anglo-Saxon schoolboy, hoping that when these three meet they may be able to talk together in this tongue of the ancients! We know of a minister who, not long ago, talked Latin for a whole afternoon with a French priest in Geneva, as it was the one speech they had in common. But Prof. Andre's instance of the Roman Catholic church is of no value whatever, for this only touches a question of higher scholarship, and it is not high scholarship which will give us a universal language, but the daily relationship of people who are forced to find some means of talking to one another.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Applause is strictly forbidden in Russian theaters.

Copper money in France is to be gradually replaced this year by aluminium bronze pennies of a pale yellow color.

One in seven of British landowners are women. In all there are about 38,000 women who own land in England and Wales.

The harvest moon still retains its place in the brooch designs, especially for the smaller gems, like pearls, diamond cuttings, garnets, etc.

The increase in the value of real estate in Berlin is illustrated by the fact that the well-known Cafe Bauer had to pay 115,000 marks rent last year. In its first year, 1877, the rent was only 40,000 marks.

At the French Academy of Moral Sciences recently M. Levasseur presented statistics showing that since 1801 the population in France has increased by only 44 per cent., and in the rest of Europe by 129 per cent.

An English country lad may expect to live 43 years and six months. A London boy can expect only 41 years of life. In Manchester the average of life is only 29 years. Girls, the country through, can look forward on the average to 3½ years more than boys.

Miss Etta H. Bolton, of Mobile, Ala., is one of the six letter carriers in the United States. She is the 19-year-old daughter of the former carrier on the same route, and covers a distance of 23 miles daily, Sunday excepted. She was appointed by her father as his substitute, and now performs the duties regularly. She travels in a specially constructed wagon, carrying stamps and blanks, and can perform any duty of a rural postmaster, including the issuing of money orders and registering of letters.

Her Complaint.

Jane was a patient in one of the large public hospitals. She boasted a cough which was more than suspected to be a "fake" cough rather than bronchial or pulmonary.

The kindly young physician in charge of the ward allowed her some harmless remedies. One day he said to her:

"Ah, Jane, I fear you are a bad case of hypochondria."

"Is that it, docther?" said Jane, much impressed.

The next morning there she was again, asking for her little dose.

"I'm very bad with it the day, docther."

"With what?" asked the doctor.

"Wid what ye were namin' fer me yestiddy," she replied. "It gave me no peace at all last night."—N. Y. Times.

Invisible Artillery.

The experiment has been made at Aldershot of painting guns and limbers with the three primary colors, red, blue, and yellow, as it has been found that guns thus painted harmonize with any kind of background so well that at a short distance they are difficult to locate. Six guns so painted were placed on the Fox Hills, and the artillery officers at Aldershot were invited to try to locate them at about 3,000 yards with field glasses, but although the officers knew the direction, none was able to locate them all. Some horse artillery sent forward to engage the guns advanced to within 1,000 yards before they located them. The painting on the guns is seen at close quarters to be in daubs and streaks.—London Times.

One Mule Left in Missouri.

A Kirkville, Mo., farmer owns a mule that is 34 years old, and the Chicago Record-Herald asks, how did he happen to let the British remount agents get past?



Fibroid Tumors Cured.

A distressing case of Fibroid Tumor, which baffled the skill of Boston doctors. Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, Mass., in the following letter tells how she was cured, after everything else failed, by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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